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SUBJ: RECENT HUMAN RIGHTS REPLIES FROM THE OFICINA CENTRAL
DE INFORMACION DE PERSONAS (OCIP)

REF: (A) MONTEVIDEO 1818 (B) MONTEVIDEO 1944

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1. ON JUNE 8, EMBOFFS RECEIVED FROM OCIP RESPONSES TO 30 HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIERS, REDUCING BY TWO-THIRDS THE PREVIOUS BACKLOG OF UNANSWERED INQUIRIES. EIGHT RESPONSES INCLUDE STATEMENTS THAT THE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED RECENTLY: DR. JULIAN GONZALEZ METHOL, EMILIO BIASCO, HUGO HABBRI, JACINTO GAYOSO, HECTOR IFRAN ARTUCHE, JAVIER DARIO TAASINO ASTEAZU, MARIO DELL'ACQUA, AND WINSTON NELSON MARRA. THIS IS THE FIRST OFFICIAL-INFORMAL CHANNEL RESPONSES TO INCLUDE NAMES OF RELEASED PRISONERS. EMBASSY HAS VERIFIED THE RELEASE OF SIX OF THESE. HOWEVER, HECTOR IFRAN ARTUCHE HAS THUS FAR NOT RETURNED TO HIS FAMILY AND HIS WHEREABOYTS ARE UNCERTAIN. EMBASSY HAS NO INDEPENDENT INFORMATION ON THE RELEASE OF JACINTO GAYOSO.

2. THE FOLLOWING CASES ARE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, CONGRESS, OR AMERICAN CITIZENS:

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A. MARIO DELL'ACQUA: OF INTEREST TO THE ICJ, THE ABA AND DR. JACK D. STEPHENS OF 10 OAK HILL CLUSTER, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. SUBJECT ARRESTED 5 NOV 1976 AND CHARGED WITH ASSISTING A SUBERVISE ORGANIZATION. HE WAS RELEASED ON 4 APRIL 1978.

B. ANSELMO WALTER FERNANDEZ OXLEY: OF INTEREST TO SENATOR

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CULVER, SENATOR CLARK, CONGRESSMAN LEACH, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) AND THE IOWA CITY AI CHAPTER. SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED ON 16 DEC 1975 AND INDICTED ON 22 JUNE 1976 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION, OFFENSE AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION AND ACTS PREPARATORY TO A CRIME. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN CONVICTED OR SENTENCED.

C. JULIO LEV: IN INTEREST TO SENATOR HASKELL, THE ICJ, THE ABA AND AI. SUBJECT ARRESTED 26 NOVEMBER 1975 AND INDICTED 10 DECEMBER 1975 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN CONVICTED OR SENTENCED.

D. WINSTON NELSON MARRA: OF INTEREST TO AI AND THE PEN ORGANIZATION. SUBJECT ARRESTED 9 FEB 1974 AND INDICTED 22 FEB 1974 FOR ASSISTING A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION AND FOR PUBLICLY SUPPORTING A CRIME. HE WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND FREED 2 MARCH 1978.

E. LOUIS TOURON LANDABURU: OF INTEREST TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SENATOR KENNEDY. SUBJECT ARRESTED ON 21 JANUARY 1976 AND INDICTED ON 22 JULY 1976 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION, OFFENSE AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION, CONSPIRACY AND COMPLICITY IN ANOTHER CRIME. HE WAS SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1977.

F. OSCAR JOSE BALINIAS ARIAS: OF INTEREST TO WOLA. EMBASSY RE-
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PORTS INDICATE SUBJECT DISAPPEARED 27 JULY 1977. THE OCIP DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE.

G. JOSE PEDRO DABEZIES: OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TODMAN VISIT. SUBJECT ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER 1973 AND INDICTED ON 2 APRIL 1974 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION. REPORTEDLY THE PROSECUTION HAS REQUESTED A SENTANCE OF NINE YEARS BUT NO FINAL VERDICT HANDED DOWN YET.

H. EMILIO AND LIKA EPELBAUM: OF INTEREST TO THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE. THE OCIP RESPONSE DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER OF THESE CASES.

I. DANIEL FERREIRO: OF INTEREST TO THE SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO, CHAPTER OF AI. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY ARRESTED 15 JULY 1975. EMBASSY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT HE WAS RELEASED BRIEFLY IN SEPTEMBER 1975 BUT REARRESTED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. THE OCIP REPLY STATES HE WAS INDICTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION AND SENTENCED TT SIX YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

J. JACINTO CAYOSO: OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN CITIZEN CHESTER L. HUNT OF WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN.

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SUBJECT INDICTED ON 16 DEPT 1975 FOR ABANDONING HIS MILITARY
POST IN TIME OF DANGER AND DELIBERATELY SURRENDERING HIS
COMMENT TO THE ENEMY. HE WAS REPORTEDLY RELEASED ON PAROLE
19 MARCH 1978.

K. EMILIO BIASCO: OF INTEREST TO AI, WOLA, THE ABA THE IJC
AND THE DEPARTMENT, AND ONE OF THE FOUR LAWYERS INQUIRED ABOUT
BY THE BUTLER/REQUE ABA MISSION. REPORTEDLY ARRESTED 14 OCT 1977.
HE WAS INDICTED ON 19 OCT 1977 FOR "PUBLICLY HOLDING THE
MILITARY UP TO SCORN". HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL ON 3 MARCH 1978.

L. HUGO FABBRI (OR BABRI). OF INTEREST TO AI, WOLA, THE ALA, THE
ICJ AND THE DEPARTMENT, AND ANOTHER OF THE FOUR LAWYERS IN-
QUIRED ABOUT BY THE BUTLER/REQUE ABA MISSION. REPORTEDLY
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ARRESTED ON 21 OCT 1977 AND SUBSEQUENTLY INDICTED FOR "PUBLICLY
HOLDING THE MILITARY UP TO SCORN" AND FOR "CIRCULATING UNFAVORABLE
COMMENTS ABOUT THE MILITARY IN ORDER TO WEAKEN IT IN TIME OF WAR".
ON 24 FEBRUARY 1978 HE WAS RELEASED ON BAIL.

M. R. JULIAN GONZALEZ METHOL: OF INTEREST TO AI AND WOLA.
SUBJECT IS A FORMER DEAN OF THE DENTISTRY FACULTY. HE WAS
ARRESTED IN DECEMBER 1977 AND INDICTED ON 30 DECEMBER 977 FOR
"SHOWING PUBLIC DISRESPECT FOR THE NATIONAL EMBLEMS". HE WAS
RELEASED IN MARCH 1978, REPORTEDLY AFTER PAYING A 10,000 PESO
(US$1724) FINE.

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3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: RECENT EXAMPLES SUCH AS
THE RICARDO VILARO SANGUINETTI CASE (REFTEL A) SHOW THAT THE
MORE TAIONAL GOU ELEMENTS ARE BECOMING SENSTITIVE TO IMAGE-
DAMAGING ABUSES AND ARE WILLING TO RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN
THEY ARE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
OCIP FURTHER ILLUSTRATES THIS NEW SENSITIVITY AND IMAGE CON-
SCIOUSNESS. IF IT CAN FINALLY OVERCOME ITS INITIAL STARTUP
PROBLEMS AND THE INHERENT UNRESPONSIVENESS OF THE GOU SECURITY
BUREAUCRACY (REFTEL B), IT WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD
IN DEALING WITH BOTH THE SUBSTANCE AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS
ASPECTS OF THE URUGUAYAN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM.
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